

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEL AVIV 3282

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ENRG, PBOR, IS, EG, US  
SUBJECT: MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER BEGIN: AMOCO INCIDENT

REF: TEL AVIV 3276

1. DURING MEETING THIS EVENING (MARCH 11) WITH PRIME MINISTER BEGIN I RAISED ISSUE OF AMOCO'S DIFFICULTIES IN GULF OF SUEZ. BEGIN KNEW ONLY THAT THERE WAS A PROBLEM, SO I TOOK HIM BRIEFLY THROUGH ESSENTIALS, STRESSING HIGH-LEVEL INTEREST IN CAIRO AND WASHINGTON IN A QUICK RESOLUTION OF SITUATION.

2. BEGIN SAID HE WOULD DISCUSS MATTER WITH YADIN LATER THIS EVENING OR FIRST THING IN THE MORNING. HE SUGGESTED THAT YADIN, HE AND I HUDDLE AT AIRPORT TOMORROW MORNING PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE TO TRY TO UNTANGLE THE SITUATION.

3. FOR THE RECORD, DEPUTY DEFENSE MINISTER ZIPPORI OFFERED TO MEET WITH ME THIS EVENING TO DISCUSS NEXT STEPS. I SENT WORD BACK THAT BECAUSE WE CONSIDER THIS ESSENTIALLY A POLITICAL ISSUE I MUST RESPECTIVELY DECLINE HIS INVITATION. WORD THIS AFTERNOON FROM YADIN WAS THAT HE WOULD BE TIED UP TONIGHT WORKING ON BEGIN TRIP PAPERS,  
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BUT WOULD BE READY TO MEET IN THE MORNING FOLLOWING BEGIN'S DEPARTURE.

4. HAVE JUST SEEN STATE 063387. APPRECIATE MODIFICATION OF DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS.  
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